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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: CCD WESTERN GROUP MEETING, NOV 3

REFS: (A)USUN 5498; (B) USUN 5510

1. SUMMARY: CCD WESTERN REPS (US, UK, CANADA, FRG, NETHERLANDS, ITALY, JAPAN) MET NOV 3 FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF UNGA DEVELOPMENTS. GROUP ALSO AGREED TO EXPAND WESTERN CONSULTATION GROUP TO INCLUDE OTHER EC-9 MEMBERS PLUS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. END SUMMARY.

2. COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN. BARTON (CANADA) REFERRED TO CTB RES BEING DRAFTED BY AUSTRALIA (REF A), SAYING HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK ELIMINATION OF LANGUAGE "CONDEMNING"

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ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. IN PROBABLE EVENT SUCH

LANGUAGE REMAINS, CANADIANS "WILL NOT COSPONSOR" RES.
BARTON SAID SOVIETS HAD GAINED 12 COSPONSORS FOR THEIR CTB
RES AND, TO KEEP SOME FLEXIBILITY, WERE NOT SEEKING MORE.

2. SOVIET NEW WEAPONS PROPOSAL. MARTIN (US),
DI BERNARDO (ITALY), AND ROWE (CANADA) NOTED MALIK
STATEMENT OCT 30 ON SOVIET NEW WEAPONS PROPOSAL HAD
MERELY CITED UNOFFICIAL WESTERN SOURCES IN DESCRIBING
WEAPONS AND SYSTEMS THAT MIGHT BE COVERED BY THEIR DRAFT
TREATY. (IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION AFTER MEETING ROWE SAID
HE HAD TOLD SOVIETS THIS PRESENTATION WAS "UNBALANCED AND
UNFAIR.") DI BERNARDO AND ROWE ALSO SAID ISSRAELYAN (USSR)
HAD ASKED THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO COSPONSOR; BOTH
DECLINED. SCHLAICH (FRG) SAID FRG HAD CONSIDERED POSSI-
BILITY OF EXAMINATION OF SUBJECT BY EXPERT SCIENTISTS,
PERHAPS UNDER CCD AUSPICES, BUT THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO
GET CLEARER IDEA OF SOVIET INTENTIONS. MARTIN SAID CLARIFICATION
ALSO WAS
OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE AT THIS STAGE.

3. PAKISTANI SECURITY ASSURANCES DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF B).
YATABE (JAPAN) REPORTED THAT PAKISTANIS HAD RAISED THEIR DRAFT
AT MEETING OF CCD NONALIGNED GROUP OCT 31 AND "GOT
NO SUPPORT." LACK OF SUPPORT MAY HAVE REFLECTED DESIRE
OF SOME NONALIGNED (MEXICO, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA) TO
CONSIDER DRAFT FURTHER.

4. SCHLAICH NOTED THAT THORSSON (SWEDEN) HAD PROPOSED IN
GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ROLE OF UN IN
DISARMAMENT WITH VIEW TO STRENGTHENING UN'S RESOURCES
AND EFFECTIVENESS. HE SAID SWEDES WANTED TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL
AMONG NONALIGNED BEFORE TAKING IT UP WITH OTHERS. UK DELOFFS
PRIVATELY EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN OVER LIKELY
IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A COMMITTEE FOR FUTURE OF CCD.

5. NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES. MEERBURG (NETHERLANDS)
REPORTED THAT SWEDES WERE SEEKING TO DEVELOP PROCEDURAL
RES ON SUBJECT THAT WOULD, INTER ALIA, CHANGE TITLE OF
AGENDA ITEM FROM "NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES" TO
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GENERAL REFERENCE TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN
LAW IN ARMED CONFLICT IN PLACING QUESTION BEFORE NEXT YEAR'S
UNGA. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT TEXT OF RES
MIGHT SPECIFY VARIOUS CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (E.G.
MINES AND CLUSTER MUNITIONS) AS WELL AS INCENDIARIES.
MEERBURG SAID SWEDES WANTED TO SEEK AGREEMENT AMONG
PROSPECTIVE NONALIGNED COSPONSORS BEFORE CONSULTING
ELSEWHERE REGARDING THEIR DRAFT RES. ROWE (CANADA)

SAID LATER THAT SWEDES HAD STRESSED TO
EXTREMISTS ON INCENDIARIES ISSUE (E.G. SYRIA) THAT THEY
WANTED CONSENSUS ON PROCEDURAL RES THIS YEAR, URGING
AGAINST EFFORTS TO IMPOSE HARDER LANGUAGE.

6. DURING MORNING COMMITTEE MEETING, SCALABRE (FRANCE)
APPROACHED MARTIN (US), ALLEN (UK) AND OTHERS
EXPRESSING FRENCH INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN WESTERN
DISARMAMENT CONSULTATIONS AT UNGA IF THIS COULD BE
ARRANGED IN CONTEXT OTHER THAN CCD GROUP MEETINGS.
DESIRABILITY OF DRAWING FRENCH INTO CONSULTATIONS WAS
WIDELY RECOGNIZED AT WESTERN CCD GROUP MEETING, WITH
ALLEN (UK) AND SCHLAICH URGING EXPANDING CCD
CONSULTATIONS TO INCLUDE ALL EC COUNTRIES. BARTON (CANADA)
SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTIONS, BUT WOULD ALSO WANT
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INCLUDED. MARTIN POINTED OUT
DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING CCD GROUP INTACT; NISIBORI (JAPAN)
AGREED. GROUP AGREED THAT IN THE FUTURE, UNLESS
OTHERWISE DECIDED, DISARMAMENT CONSULTATIONS WOULD INCLUDE
CCD AND EC-9 COUNTRIES, PLUS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.
AMB MARTIN TOLD NISIBORI AND BARTON THAT, FOR TIME BEING,
HE WOULD REPORT ON US-SOVIET CCD COHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS
ONLY TO CCD GROUP RATHER THAN TO LARGER GROUP.
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